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United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
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21400 U.S. Courthouse
601 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1790

September 18, 2019

-- This is a follow up to a previous request: ---

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on June 19, 2019. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On June 19, 2019:
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Court policies re IFP qualification
Dear Third Circuit Court of Appeals:

The Third Circuit's standing order of January 22, 1987,
<<https://www.ca3.uscourts.gov/sites/ca3/files/Granting%20In%20Forma%20Pauperis%20Motions.pdf>>,
provides that court clerks may grant IFP motions.

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Since clerks have no Article III authority, and it would be improper for them to be vested to exercise discretion, the court must have a policy or other statement of the standards by which a person qualifies for IFP status.

I hereby request all documents setting forth the circumstances under which a clerk of the Third Circuit is to grant an IFP motion, or to forward it to a judge, pursuant to the Jan. 22, 1987 standing order.

I recognize that the judiciary is not covered by the Freedom of Information Act.

This request is made pursuant to the Rules Enabling Act and Judicial Improvements and Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S. Code §§ 332(d)(1), 2071(b), 2071(d), and 2077(a) (requiring publication of all "rules" and "operating procedures"); and the Judiciary's internal policies which provide for access to records in a way similar to the Freedom of Information Act.

I am partially blind. I request that you make all responses by email, and provide records in their original, native electronic format if you have an electronic copy, and by a PDF scan if you only have the records in paper format.

This request is made on behalf of both myself, Sai (in personal capacity) and Fiat Fiendum, Inc. (in official capacity). Fiat Fiendum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose purposes include promotion of transparency in laws and research on topics related to the judiciary.

Please note that "Sai" is my full legal name. I am agender.

For any documents too large to send by email, there is an upload link below. There is also a physical address below. Please do not physically mail any responses without my explicit request; instead, send everything by email or by upload to the link below.

Sincerely,
Sai
President, Fiat Fiendum, Inc.

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for applicants on the basis of arrest/conviction record

- Currently valid eviction policies/procedures for tenants in public housing and Section 8 housing units
- Currently valid policies/procedures regarding obtaining criminal conviction records from law enforcement agencies and sex offender registration information from the appropriate state/local agency responsible for the maintenance of sex offender registration program
- Any reports compiling the data of applicants to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017
- Any reports compiling the data of public housing and Section 8 housing assistance denials and the basis of those denials between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
- Any logs of police reports related to activity in public housing and Section 8-subsidized units between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
- Any grievances/complaints of discrimination submitted between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 including any of the following words/phrases:
 - crime
 - crimes
 - criminal
 - convict
 - convicted
 - sex offense
 - sex offender
 - jail
 - prison
 - correctional facility
 - probation
 - parole
 - conviction record
 - arrest record

Please provide materials on a rolling basis, as they become available.

If you have any questions, please feel free to clarify via phone at 610-637-7745.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 7 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Sarika Ram

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Nashville, TN 37206

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Tennessee Public Records Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on Oct. 20, 2018. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

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On Oct. 20, 2018:
Subject: Tennessee Public Records Act Request: Access to Public Housing for Formerly Incarcerated People (Metropolitan Development And Housing Agency)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Tennessee Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

-Currently valid policies/procedures relating to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance eligibility

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